

weather of the winter, which followed in the wake of a series of tornadoes that swept through Northeast Alabama and over Central Georgia late yesterday, causing the death, according to reports, of at least a score of persons and injuries to more than fifty others.

Reports received here from Charleston, Savannah and other South Atlantic coast points indicated that the greatest damage was from the effects of the steel and high winds. Wire companies suffered heavily from the glaze in different sections. One death was reported in Atlanta to-day from the cold.

Temperatures of from fifteen to seventeen degrees were predicted by the Jacksonville Weather Bureau for points 50 to 150 miles south of that city to-morrow.

From scattered reports, it appeared that the heaviest property damage in this State from yesterday's storm was at Macon, where the tornado apparently struck with full force. Three persons were killed there and a number of buildings wrecked. Considerable damage was done at Camp Wheeler. Damage estimated at \$100,000 was caused by a storm which struck Apopka, Fla., but no loss of life was reported.

Some tents were blown down at Camp Gordon and at the Black Jack Mountain artillery practice grounds. No soldiers were reported injured, however.

#### STEAMER ASHORE OFF

NEWPORT NEWS LEAKING  
The Danish steamer which came ashore here during the severe windstorm of last night had not been floated late to-night. The steamer is taking water through several open seams and is so hard aground that tugs have been unable to move her. Reports that three other steamers grounded near here cannot be verified.

The tug was the A. B. Covington, of Norfolk. The crew says that ice piled over the decks of the craft, first crushing in the pilot house and then literally tearing the remainder of the superstructure to pieces.

Four barges being towed by the tug were still afloat to-day, but were almost hidden by ice, reports say.

The crew for a time attempted to blow a channel through seven inches of solid ice, but was able to make no headway until the ice broke.

#### ROOFS BLOWN OFF IN

CHESTER, S. C., ONE KILLED  
CHESTER, S. C., January 12.—Loss of one life and property damage estimated at \$50,000 were reported to-day from the territory surrounding Chester as a result of last night's storm. A negro woman was killed when her residence was blown down near here. The heaviest property damage was at Lowryville, a town of about 700 people, a few miles distant, where a church was unroofed and numbers of other houses damaged.

#### SIX DEATHS CAUSED

BY COLD IN MICHIGAN  
DETROIT, MICH., January 12.—With seven deaths in Michigan laid indirectly to the furious storm that is sweeping over the State, the local Weather Bureau predicted to-night that the thermometer would register 15 to 20 below zero before morning. It was 16 below in this city at noon to-day, and 9 below at 9 o'clock to-night. Traffic on steam and electric lines is paralyzed.

#### TWELVE BELOW THREATENS

AT CLEVELAND STATION  
CLEVELAND, OHIO, January 12.—Cleveland will experience the coldest weather of the winter to-night, according to local Weather Bureau officials, who predict the thermometer will drop to 12 degrees below zero to-night. The official thermometer registered 9 degrees below zero at 1 o'clock to-day, a fall of 44 degrees since midnight.

#### TRACTION LINES ARE TIED

UP IN INDIANAPOLIS, IND.  
INDIANAPOLIS, IND., January 12.—With the government thermometer registering 19 degrees below zero at 8:30 this morning, Indianapolis awoke to the coldest day in fifty-four years. It was the coldest since 1854, when a minimum of 25 degrees below zero was reached. Many street car lines were blocked by snow and broken trolley wires.

A high wind, driving snow into drifts, which demoralized all traffic, greatly added to the suffering.

#### FOUR REPORTED KILLED

WHEN CHIMNEY COLLAPSES  
LYNN, MASS., January 12.—Four persons are believed to have been killed, and probably thirty injured, to-day when a chimney extending thirty feet above the Sprague Box Factory was blown over in a gale.

The falling bricks crashed through the rear of the three-story building. Three bodies were recovered, and it was believed another person missing was under the debris.

#### BLIZZARD HITS OHIO'S

STATE CAPITAL CITY HARD  
COLUMBUS, OHIO, January 12.—A blizzard and cold wave struck Ohio last night, and it was the coldest this morning since February 10, 1850, the Weather Bureau reporting 15 degrees below zero. Rain and snow of last night was turned into glaze this morning. Transportation systems again are demoralized.

Prolongation of the steadily developing fuel famine is certain, and most acute suffering faces the State.

#### OCEAN LINER ASHORE

OFF THE CUBAN COAST  
TAMPA, FLA., January 12.—A Peimular and Occidental liner went ashore on the beach off the Cuban coast last night, and is still aground. A steamer and a tug are standing by. A heavy sea is running, but officials of the company express belief that the boat will be pulled off safely.

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## TEACHER PRAYS AND STORM CHANGES COURSE

Thrilling Story of Tornado Told by Southern Instructor. Babe Kneels Beside Chicken Coop and Escapes Death. Pupil Found With Board Through Heart.

BY SCOTT KENZIE FRAZIER.  
DOTHAN, ALA., January 12.—What is looked upon as a miracle in prayer was enacted during the storm which passed over this section of Alabama last night, leaving destruction in its path, and from which the people are slowly recovering, when the deadly gale changed its course at Pleasant Plains Schoolhouse, near Webb, Ala., while Miss Forrester, teacher at the school, prayed for the winds to turn from their course.

Miss Forrester gives a graphic account of the horrors of the cyclone. Hearing a great noise, she says she thought it was an explosion. She went at once to the door of the schoolhouse and opened it. It was then that she realized that the school was directly in the path of the cyclone. The clouds were of a greenish tinge, and the power of the devastating winds was clearly marked along the path of the storm.

Huge pines in the path of the wind were twisted off like matches. Miss Forrester saw that the school building was directly in the course of the winds, and instead of dismissing school, she stood in the open door, with her hands stretched upward, and prayed for the storm to turn its course. As she prayed the wind-funnel snatched a giant oak by the roots, then swerved to the right, changing its course and leaving the school and children unharmed.

One half-mile from Miss Forrester's schoolhouse, her brother, J. H. Forrester, lives. The storm destroyed his home completely, killing Mrs. Jim Weeks, a guest in the home, and injuring seriously their oldest boy, who was picked up later near a barn thirty yards away, having been blown from his living-room. Other members of the family received minor injuries, but Mrs. Forrester, remembering that there is less danger in the rooms first struck by a gale, ran to the front of the house with her small children, and al-

though the wind blew down the house about her, she and her children remained unharmed.

At Cowarts, the home of Dr. Ryals was completely destroyed. As the gale approached, Dr. Ryals thought it was the roaring of a train. His wife and baby ran out and knelt beside a small chicken house, which is probably all that saved their lives, as not a plank of the large two-story building was left standing. When he saw his wife and baby kneeling beside the small chicken house, Dr. Ryals ran to their side, and after the house was blown away he clung to his wife and baby and the three were blown several feet, but were unhurt.

PUPILS KILLED WHEN SCHOOL IS WRECKED  
The Cowarts schoolhouse, where the pupils were assembled, was totally destroyed. J. W. Kitchens, principal of the school, was injured internally and suffered a broken leg. He died soon after the wind passed over the spot. His only child, a girl of eleven years of age, was instantly killed. Four other children were killed on the spot. Marion Parker was found dead with a board through her heart. Another girl was found with a big plank plunged through her body.

Miss Anna May Powers, of Montgomery, was a teacher in the school at Cowarts. The children became frightened and rushed toward the door, the floor giving away, carrying its human freight downward. The walls were blown down, leaving Miss Powers and the children who were clinging about her with only a few bristles. In the next room, five were killed and five died later. Several of the children in Miss Powers's room clung to their books, and when rescued were still clinging to them.

One house was blown away, leaving the dining-room intact. Doctors were rushed from Dothan to the scene of the disaster, and the injured were brought to hospitals here.

service, but so far as has been reported, no other material damage resulted. Telephone and telegraph companies here report many lines out of Raleigh down this morning.

#### DELUGE OF RAIN IS FOLLOWED BY FREEZE

DANVILLE, VA., January 12.—A deluge of rain falling on a three-inch snowfall froze early to-day with a rapid drop of the thermometer, and traffic practically was at a standstill. A violent windstorm passed over the city last night, but caused no damage.

#### Wants Educational War Board.

WASHINGTON, January 12.—Representatives of forty-seven engineering colleges and thirty-six States, conferring here with the Federal Board for Vocational Education, have asked Secretary Baker to create a "War Department Board on Education," to coordinate work in connection with existing Federal educational agencies in training drafted men in special lines before they are sent to camp.

#### Wires Torn Down by Storm in North Carolina

RALEIGH, N. C., January 12.—A rain and hailstorm, accompanied by wind which reached a velocity of 49.5 miles an hour, visited this section of North Carolina last night and early to-day, and caused great interruption to wire service.

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## LANSING BRINGS MESSAGE OF CHEER TO NEW YORK

Tells Members of Bar Association Country Is in War as Republic to Very End.

#### REPLIES TO GERMAN CRITICS

Declares Until Terms Laid Down by President Are Achieved There Will Be No Peace—Address of Secretary of State Evokes Cheers.

[By Associated Press.]

NEW YORK, January 12.—Secretary of State Robert Lansing, speaking here to-night at the annual dinner of the New York State Bar Association, declared that until the war aims outlined by President Wilson are accepted by the Prussian government the war must go on.

"We are in this war as a republic to the very end," he declared emphatically, and brought the diners to their feet, cheering.

Mr. Lansing's address was regarded by his hearers as a reply to the comments in German papers upon President Wilson's address to Congress. He declared the aims we seek must be achieved, and will be.

"I bring you a message of good cheer from the national capital," he said. "In Washington there is cheerfulness and confidence."

Speaking of optimism as an asset, he said it has been "our source of wealth in every task the nation ever undertook," and should be the country's guiding spirit in the war.

#### PRESIDENT WAS CHALLENGED

AND REPLIED, SAYS LANSING  
The President was challenged to name the reasons why we are in the war and what we aim to achieve," Mr. Lansing continued. "He has named these aims and has done so frankly, without equivocation and very definitely. The statement has not been received with favor by the Germans, but unless we achieve those aims we have no sure foundation upon which to build an enduring peace."

Secretary Lansing was the first speaker at the dinner, which was attended by representatives of most of America's allies in the war. Among the guests were the Duke of Devonshire, Governor-General of Canada; the ambassadors of Great Britain, France and Italy; the ministers from Belgium and the attorney-general of Great Britain. Mr. Charles E. Hughes presided. Mr. Lansing thanked all the allies, and his tributes to their efforts in the struggle to preserve democracy brought ringing applause.

#### Seize Car of Coal.

HUNTSVILLE, ALA., January 12.—A car of coal passing through this city for North Carolina points was seized here and the coal distributed by the fuel administrator among the people of Huntsville, who were almost without fuel.



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## RUSSIA YIELDS TO GERMANS AND WILL TALK PEACE

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mude. Our artillery retaliated with success.

"In the afternoon of the 11th we carried out several operations of a harassing nature against the enemy in the regions of Ramscapelle, Dixmude and St. Jacques Capelle. Our batteries shelled enemy organizations in the direction of Dixmude, Woumen and Keyem."

"Army of the east, January 10: Unfavorable weather prevails. There is much snow. We repulsed to the northeast of Monastir an enemy surprise attack."

"British aviators have bombed enemy cantonments in the region of Demir Hissar."

#### BRITISH DEAL WITH

MAXIM LITVINOFF  
LONDON, January 12.—The British government has decided to establish informal relations with Maxim Litvinoff, who was appointed by the Bolshevik government as Russian ambassador at London, according to the Daily Mail. This step, adds the newspaper, has been taken with a view to obtaining useful information in regard to conditions in Russia.

#### SEEKS TO EXPORT FOOD

FROM RUSSIA TO STOCKHOLM

LONDON, January 12.—The mayor of Stockholm, according to a Reuter dispatch from Petrograd, has arrived in Petrograd for the purpose, the newspapers there say, of establishing contact between the Bolshevik government and the Swedish Socialists. He will also try to arrange for the export of Russian food supplies to Sweden. The Petrograd council of Workmen and Soldiers' delegates, the dispatch adds, will shortly issue a new newspaper to be called "The Red Gazette," for workmen, soldiers and peasants.

#### VIOLENT ARTILLERY FIRE

ON THE VERDUN FRONT

PARIS, January 12.—Violent artillery fighting on the Verdun front is reported.

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#### ed by the war office. The announce-

ment follows:

"The night was marked by violent activity of the artillery in the sector between Beaumont and Bezonvaux (Verdun front). Southeast of Bezonvaux the French made a raid and brought back prisoners. "Elsewhere the night was calm."

#### Praises President's Speech.

NEW YORK, January 12.—J. J. Jusserand, French Ambassador to the United States, to-night indorsed President Wilson's statement of war aims and pledged the support of France to the very last that the ends laid down by the President in his recent speech to Congress be attained. He spoke particularly of that part of the President's message asking that the wrongs done by Prussia in 1871 in the matter of Alsace-Lorraine be righted.

#### Senator Brady Very Low.

WASHINGTON, January 12.—Senator Brady, who was stricken with heart trouble on Thursday night, still was in a critical condition to-night, although he rallied slightly late to-day.

#### Pledge Cards for Boarders.

WASHINGTON, January 12.—Special food pledge cards for boarders will be issued soon by the food administration. It was decided to-day that to obtain proper food conservation in boarding-houses those who live in them, as well as their managers, should pledge themselves to save. The plan will be tried out first in Washington.

#### DEATHS

LAWRENCE.—Died, Saturday, January 12, P. M., at Alice Hospital, Hanover County, Mrs. W. N. LAWRENCE. Funeral notice later.

#### COLD WAVE ARRIVES

Mercury Plunges Downward, Seeking Bottom of Thermometer—No Relief in Sight.

In the face of a driving wind, which late last night threatened to reach the proportions of a gale, the mercury dropped swiftly after midnight. At 3 o'clock the thermometer had dropped to 23 degrees, and the thermometer continued downward. Shortly after midnight the cold wave reached Richmond, with indications that the temperature would probably reach the zero mark before daybreak.

Continued cold weather was forecast for Richmond to-day by the Weather Bureau, with slowly rising temperature to-morrow. The cold wave, which is reaching Richmond from the Middle West, is not expected to be as protracted as the blizzard of ten days ago, but the cold weather has prevented any thaw in the James River, which is seriously affecting merchants and manufacturing establishments by the suspension of freight service.

Early yesterday morning the wind reached a velocity of sixty miles per hour, within a mile of the highest record ever established in Richmond in the history of the local Weather Bureau. At this time the temperature was 40 degrees. At noon yesterday the mercury stood at 32, and remained at that point until late in the afternoon, when it began its downward movement.

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